

# **Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet**

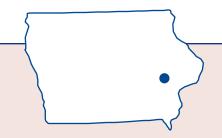
Coralville, IA

### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

## **Community Description**

The City of Coralville was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Coralville (population 15,123) borders Iowa City, the home of the University of Iowa. Many lower income people and college students look for less expensive dwellings, typically in the older part of the city near the industrial park. Because Coralville has limited opportunities to expand beyond its current borders, its economic survival depends on revitalizing its older areas, which contain about 56 brownfields. Among African-Americans and Asians in the target area, per capita income is lower than statewide levels for these minorities. Additionally, city-wide poverty is higher than that of the state.



#### **Assessment Grant**



# \$200,000 for hazardous substances \$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Coralville for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform four Phase I and four Phase II site assessments and community outreach within the First Avenue Revitalization Project, a 200-acre industrial park, and areas south and west of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Commercial and light industry, such as waste hauling, trucking repair, asphalt manufacturing, coal and fuel storage, injection molding, and roofing, characterize the 200-acre target area. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform three Phase I and three Phase II site assessments, as well as community outreach within the First Avenue Revitalization Project.

#### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: Coralville, IA 319-248-1700

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

Assessment and redevelopment of the industrial park will turn an aging commercial and industrial area with riverfront access into a convention center, hotel complex, and mixed retail and residential area dedicated to green design features and open space.